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Governor Proclaims Next Week Earthquake Awareness Week, Central U.S. to ShakeOut in Less than One Week

Clanton – In less than one week, the Alabama Emergency Management Agency will join more than two point seven million people across the central U.S. and other parts of the world who will take part in the first-ever *Great Central U.S. ShakeOut* to be held at 10:15 a.m. on Thursday, April 28, 2011. This is a regional earthquake drill in which participants will simultaneously practice the recommended action during an earthquake which is **DROP** to the ground, Take **COVER** by getting under a sturdy desk or table, and **HOLD-ON** to it until the shaking stops.

Alabama EMA Director Art Faulkner will join Winston County officials at Haleyville High School to participate in this earthquake drill with students and teachers. The drill will take place **at 10:15 a.m. on Thursday, April 28, 2011.** (*Media you need to arrive no later than 10:00am to ensure you get the audio that starts the drill*)

Governor Robert Bentley has proclaimed next week (April 25-29) “**Earthquake Awareness Week**”. “It is important for the residents of Alabama to know we have a risk of earthquakes, but more than that, this drill and awareness week will teach us the proper procedures and protocols to be earthquake ready,” said Governor Bentley.

During earthquake awareness week each day has a different theme, Monday is Historic Alabama earthquakes, Tuesday is knowing your risks, Wednesday is the Great Central U.S. ShakeOut, Thursday is protecting your home and Friday is protecting your family. For more information on earthquake awareness or the drill visit www.ema.alabama.gov

Other states participating are Arkansas, Georgia, Illinois, Kentucky, Mississippi, Missouri, Oklahoma, South Carolina and Tennessee.